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# MACKEREL STILL CLING TO SHORE

**Over 345,000 Pounds Fish Landed by the  
Fleet Last Week—Season  
Best Since 1926**

Last week the mackerel fleet landed 345,760 pounds of fresh mackerel. Prices were very good and good stocks have been made by the seiners. Although a number of the seiners have hauled out there is still quite a fleet engaged in seining. Fresh mackerel sold to wholesale dealers ex-vessel during the week at 12 to 18 cents for large and 5.80 to 15 cents for small or blinks and 7 to 10 cents per pound for tacks.

Salt mackerel are in good demand but the shore fleet have not landed any fish for some time. The str. Newfoundland brought 194 barrels of salt mackerel last week and 45 barrels of fresh. No recent news in regard to fishing in Ireland or Norway has been

received. Irish No. 3 mackerel are quoted at \$19 and \$21 per barrel; No. 2's at \$24. High prices are being asked for Norwegian fish, \$39 for No. 1's and \$33 for No. 2's.

In the corresponding week last year the mackerel fleet landed only a few hundred barrels of fresh mackerel that sold to wholesale dealers at from 15 to 22 cents per pound. About 1000 barrels were received from traps and nets of Nova Scotia.

## Comparative Catches.

The catch of mackerel today has been 41,443,570 pounds of fresh and 1464 barrels of salt mackerel; in 1928, the fleet landed 29,093,700 pounds of fresh and 352 barrels of salt mackerel; in 1927, 37,842,750 pounds of fresh and 1002 barrels of salt mackerel; in 1926, 43,053,450 pounds of fresh and 5346 barrels of salt mackerel.

## BOSTON DRAGGERS HARBORED HERE

**SEVEN SMALL DRAGGERS LANDED  
FARES HERE THIS  
MORNING.**

Seven of the smaller Boston draggers fishing off the shore, finding the northwester too stiff to run back to their homeport last night, put in here for harbor and this forenoon unloaded small fares of mixed fish at the Producers Fish Company and the Fort Company plants. The largest fare was one of 3000 pounds and the others were very much smaller. There were no other arrivals except the above mentioned boats.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Boat Automatic, dragging, 600 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Automatic II., dragging, 1200 lbs. at Agnes and Myrnie, 3000 lbs. fish.  
Boat Enterprise, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
At Eliza C. Riggs, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Myrtle and Gladys, 2000 lbs. fish.  
Boat C. A. Meister, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Robert and Edwin, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

### Sailed.

Sch. Alice and Wilson, dragging.  
Sch. Natalie Hammond, haddocking.

### On the Railways.

Sch. Catherine Butler and Boat Helen M. are on Rocky Neck railways.

### Fitting for Newfoundland.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, one of the Gorton-Pew seiners, is fitting for a trip to Newfoundland for herring, and will sail next week with Capt. David Keating in command.

## SHORT STORY AT BOSTON TODAY

**ONLY EIGHT ARRIVALS WITH  
ABOUT 200,000 POUNDS—HAD-  
DOCK AT \$10.**

This morning was the quietest, as far as arrivals are concerned, that the Boston fish pier has experienced for some time. There were only eight vessels in the dock at the sound of the bell for the opening of trading. Two of them were seiners.

Total receipts were 135,000 pounds of groundfish; 35,000 pounds of blink mackerel; and 76,500 pounds of mixed fish. The meagre supply brought top prices, the highest since last winter. Haddock was up to \$10; large cod, \$8 to \$10 and markets, \$4 to \$6. Mackerel sold for 8 1-4 cents.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
14 cents; black backs, 7 cents; yellow tails, 6 cents; dabs, 6 cents; blink mackerel, 8 1-4 cents; catfish, 7 cents.  
Sch. Waltham II., 7000 haddock, 5000 cod, 13,000 mixed fish.

### Lighthouse Change.

Shipping interests have been notified by the Lighthouse Bureau that North Channel gas buoy 1 has been temporarily moved 100 feet, 30 degrees on account of dredging operations, and not Boston main channel gas buoy 1 as previously reported.

### John Gorman Dead.

The flags at the Boston fish pier are floating at half mast today in memory of John Gorman, manager of the Commonwealth Ice and Cold Storage Company, who died at the Boston City hospital last evening. He was about 50 years of age and resided in Winthrop.

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## LARGER FLEET AT HUB TODAY

**RECEIPTS AGGREGATE 550,000  
POUNDS—PRICES HIGH  
NO MACKEREL.**

A fleet of 15 craft furnished the supply for the dealers at the Boston fish pier this morning. Receipts totalled 482,000 pounds of groundfish, 70,000 pounds of mixed fish and 300 pounds of mackerel. The mackerel were large fish and brought in by a beam trawler. They were caught in the South Channel.

Prices were still up, with haddock at \$8.50 to \$9; large cod, \$8; and markets, \$5.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Str. Shawmut, 25,000 haddock, 2700 cod, 6000 mixed fish.  
Str. Loon, 40,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 300 mackerel, 2400 mixed fish.  
Str. Crest, 32,000 haddock, 4600 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Sea, 30,000 haddock, 3200 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Gale, 26,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 18,000 mixed fish.  
Sch. Evelyn G. Sears, 12,000 haddock, 200 cod, 2600 mixed fish.  
Sch. Irene and Helen, 18,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 4500 mixed fish.  
Sch. Colleen, 22,000 haddock, 1700 cod, 5000 mixed fish.  
Sch. Vagabond, 31,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 6600 mixed fish.  
Sch. Dawn, 11,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 23,000 hake.  
Sch. Isabel Parker, 35,000 haddock, 6500 cod, 10,000 hake.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 11,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 19,000 hake.  
Sch. Louise B. Marshall, 8000 haddock, 5500 cod, 22,000 hake.  
Sch. Wanderer, 16,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 23,000 hake.  
Boat Princess, 200 haddock, 4000 mixed fish.  
Haddock, \$8.50 to \$9 per cwt.; large cod, \$8; market cod, \$5; hake, \$6; pollock, \$2.25 to \$2.50; cusk, \$3; gray sole, 10 cents to 12 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 14 cents; black backs, 6 1-2 cents; yellow tails, 8 cents to 9 1-2 cents; dabs, 8 cents; catfish, 8 cents to 10 cents.

### Fish That Walk.

Fish are generally associated with water—yet there are several exceptions which live on land.

The common eel can live for long periods out of water, and move across country from one stream to another, even climbing slippery posts. They do this by squirming movements of the body and without using their fins. They can escape from tanks either by working their way out head first, or, if that is too difficult by turning round and throwing their tails over the edge and gaining a hold which enables them to jerk their bodies over the edge.

The mud-springing or walking goby, and the climbing perch are two very quaint tropical fish. The goby uses its front pair of fins as legs in walking whilst the hind pair are converted into a kind of sucker by means of which they hold on to rocks and branches of trees.

The climbing perch is famous for its ability to climb palm trees, and can live out of water a greater length of time than the goby. Specimens kept for exhibition have leapt repeatedly out of a tank with walls two feet high.

The carplings of Mexico also have amazing leaping strength. They will leap right out of the water in their eagerness for food when they see their owner approaching.

Dr. C. M. Younge in his book "Queer Fish," also writes of storks and fighting cocks that are able to grow new beaks, of lizards that, after losing their tails, will grow new parts.



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## LOCAL SUPPLY IS LIGHT TODAY

**TWO FARES OF SALT FISH AND A  
FEW FISH ARE  
REPORTED.**

The local market received a small supply of fresh fish this morning, the arrivals being two off-shore draggers and a small shore boat. Nova Scotian salt fish amounting to 200,000 pounds came in from the Provinces this morning for Gorton-Pew, and a Maine freighter brought 1500 quintal of salt fish, picked up along the Maine coast. The only mackerel arrival was the netter Minerva with 1200 pounds of fish.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

British boat Radio II, Nova Scotian ports, 200,000 lbs. salt fish.

Sch. Katie D. Seavey, Maine ports, 1500 qtls. salt fish.

Sch. Doris F. Amoro, dragging, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Grace and Evelyn, dragging, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Paul Revere, dragging, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Minerva, netting, 1200 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Boat Angie and Mary, via Boston.

### Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Boat Mary J. Landry, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Agnes and Myrnie, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Enterprise, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Mary A., 7500 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Eliza C. Riggs, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Nashawena, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Myrtle and Gladys, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat C. A. Meister, 5500 lbs. fresh fish.

### Sailed.

Sch. Patara, Newfoundland, for herring.

Sch. Governor Fuller, dragging.

Sch. Raymonde, dragging.

Boat Bettina, dragging.

### N. S. Lobster Market.

All lobster catching in Canada having ceased for a month, matters are quiet in the industry.

The catch in that section where the two months' season closed on 15th inst. was phenomenally large, while during the same period the lobster fishery in Maine proved very disappointing. This proved beneficial to Canadian shippers as it kept the Boston markets able to dispose of the shipments from New Brunswick without having to sacrifice the price to such an extent as would have occurred if Maine supplies were also heavy.

There is little activity in the canned fish with good consumption. Norway holds firm in her ideas of value and Iceland is reported to be falling in line. Northern Brazil is said to be good and the West Indies markets continue fair. Local arrivals of fish by schooner are backward due to adverse weather conditions and no large stocks are warehoused up to this writing. Exporters seem to be exercising greater care in keeping markets active through moderate stocks which should have the effect of improving values later on. The price of Labrador has advanced owing to competition between Spanish buyers and merchants wanting this cure for market. A quantity of Labrador is being shore cured to offset the possible shortage. All schooners are home from Northern Labrador and a few weeks of fine weather will see the arrivals of many schooners to St. John's to unload cargoes.—St. John's Trade Review.

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## AGREE ON CHANGES IN FISH AND GAME LAWS OF THE STATE

(Special to the Times).

State House, Boston, October 30.—Several recommendations for changes in the hunting and fish laws of the Commonwealth were adopted before the special commission created by the last Legislature to revise these laws.

The Massachusetts Fish and Game Association offered several ideas, summarized, as follows:

Providing for the acquisition of public fishing rights now held by private estates; a reasonable increase in the present license fees, with increases also for trapping licenses; reduction in the number of fish legally taken; licensing of duck stands and legalization of the use of the bow and arrow for hunting purpose.

There were about 40 persons present, including representatives of fish and game clubs and a full and free discussion of the laws was permitted by the commission.

### License Duck Stands.

Representatives of fish and game

clubs were in hearty accord with the recommendation for the licensing of duck stands. David C. Grant of the Dedham club suggested to the commission that it recommend the creation of an advisory board to the state division of fish and game.

A suggestion that every hunter be required to hold compulsory liability insurance was advanced by Wendell P. Thore of Quincy. He also favored increasing the age at which children may obtain hunting licenses.

Thore scored the tactics of the hunters, declaring they care nothing about "no trespassing" or "no shooting" signs. "Ask the farmers what they think of the hunters," he continued. "No man's place is safe. I know what the powder and gun trust are up to." He claimed the gun was the biggest menace in the Commonwealth. To which A.R. Andrews of Boston replied: "I've fished in every damn stream in New England. We're getting so mealy-mouth up here that you can't go out and kill a waterbug, but they holler 'murder'."

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## LIGHT RECEIPTS AGAIN TODAY

**CANADIAN BOAT BROUGHT FARE  
OF SALT FISH FROM THE  
PROVINCES.**

Arrivals of fresh fish today were light again, there being but two off-shore draggers. One boat brought 22,000 pounds of haddock, and the other 45,000 pounds of haddock, both going to the General Seafoods Corporation for filleting. The Nova Scotian boat National IV, with 200,000 pounds of salt fish from around Canso, hauled into the Frank C. Pearce wharf this morning to discharge. Gill net receipts were good yesterday, the receipts running mostly to pollock.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Sch. Evalina M. Goulart, dragging, 22,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Amelia M. Pereira, dragging, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Canadian boat National IV, Nova Scotian ports, 200,000 lbs. salt fish.

Sch. Evelyn G. Sears, via Boston.

Sch. Elk is fitting for winter haddock under command of Capt. Percy Firth.

Capt. Frank Palmer is fitting sch. John J. Fallon for winter haddock.

### Sailed.

Sch. Edith C. Rose, dragging.

Sch. Grand Marshal, haddocking.

Sch. Doris F. Amoro, dragging.

Sch. Grace and Evelyn, dragging.

### Fitting for Newfoundland.

Sch. Ingomar is fitting for a trip to Newfoundland for salt herring and will probably get away next week.

## TWENTY-THREE AT BOSTON PIER

**RECEIPTS TOTAL OVER 800,000  
POUNDS—PRICES STILL HOLD  
UP.**

Receipts at the Boston fish pier this morning consisted entirely of ground and flat fish. There were 23 craft at the dock at the opening with combined fares of 715,000 pounds of ground-fish and 92,600 pounds of mixed fish. The market was off a little from the high prices of the first half of the week, but firm with haddock at \$6, large cod \$6 and markets, \$4.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Str. Curlew, 36,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 8000 mixed fish.

Str. Princess, 45,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 7600 mixed fish.

Str. Boston College, 40,000 haddock, 6500 cod, 14,000 mixed fish.

Sch. Lark, 26,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 25,000 hake.

Sch. Cape Ann, 7000 haddock, 5200 cod, 28,000 hake, 3500 pollock.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 18,000 haddock, 7500 cod, 20,000 hake.

Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, 4000 haddock, 300 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Marjorie Parker, 8000 haddock, 400 cod, 5000 hake.

Boat Serafina, 7200 mixed fish.

Boat Leonardo, 2600 mixed fish.

Boat Alphonso, 2700 mixed fish.

Boat Ethel, 4000 mixed fish.

Boat Annie and Josie, 2200 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$6; market cod, \$4; hake, \$3 to \$3.50; pollock, \$2; cusk, \$3; gray sole, 10 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 12 cents; black backs, 5 cents; yellow tails, 6 cents; dabs, 6 cents; shark, 6 cents; catfish, 7 cents.